

In the Claims:

Please amend claims 1, 10, and 19, as indicated below.

1. (Currently amended) A computer-implemented method for providing differentiated quality of service in an application server, comprising:

a server system receiving a request, wherein said request includes information indicating ~~at least one of~~ a current user role ~~or a time constraint~~; and

in response to receiving the request:

accessing pre-determined policy data;

establishing a quality of service context based on the current user role indicated in said information included in said request and based on said policy data; and

propagating said quality of service context with said request in the server system, wherein said propagating comprises sending data indicating the quality of service context with the request.

2. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein said information further indicates at least one of a requested service, a time constraint, or a user identity.

3. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1 wherein said quality of service context includes information indicating service class and a deadline.

4. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein said establishing a quality of service context is completed at an ingress point.

5. (Previously presented) The method of claim 4 wherein said ingress point is at least one of a web server or a protocol manager service within said server system.

6. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1 further comprising, propagating the same quality of service context with a subsequent request related to said request.

7. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1 wherein said propagating includes inserting said quality of service context adjacent to at least one of a security and transaction context.

8. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein a load balancing service dispatches said request including said quality of service context, to an application server in a plurality of application servers, based on said quality of service context.

9. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1 wherein a request manager service dispatches said request including said quality of service context, to a software component in a plurality of software components, based on said quality of service context.

10. (Currently amended) A computer-readable storage medium, comprising program instructions executable to implement:

a server system, configured to:

receive a request, wherein said request includes information indicating ~~at least one of~~ a current user role ~~or a time constraint~~; and

in response to receiving the request:

access pre-determined policy data;

establish a quality of service context based on the current user role indicated in said information included in said request and based on said policy data; and

propagate data indicating said quality of service context with said request in the server system.

11. (Currently amended) The computer-readable storage medium of claim 10, wherein said information further indicates at least one of a requested service, a time constraint, or a user identity.

12. (Previously presented) The computer-readable storage medium of claim 10, wherein said quality of service context includes information indicating service class and a deadline.

13. (Previously presented) The computer-readable storage medium of claim 10, wherein said establishing a quality of service context is completed at an ingress point.

14. (Previously presented) The computer-readable storage medium of claim 13 wherein said ingress point is at least one of a web server or a protocol manager service within said server system.

15. (Previously presented) The computer-readable storage medium of claim 10, further comprising program instructions executable to: propagate the same quality of service context with a subsequent request related to said request.

16. (Previously presented) The computer-readable storage medium of claim 10, wherein said propagating includes inserting said quality of service context adjacent to at least one of a security and transaction context.

17. (Previously presented) The computer-readable storage medium of claim 10, wherein a load balancing service dispatches said request including said quality of service context, to an application server in a plurality of application servers, based on said quality of service context.

18. (Previously presented) The computer-readable storage medium of claim 10, wherein a request manager service dispatches said request including said quality of service context, to a software component in a plurality of software components, based on said quality of service context.

19. (Previously presented) A first computer system comprising:

a processor;

a memory storing program instructions;

wherein the processor is operable to execute the program instructions to implement a server system configured to:

receive a request, wherein said request includes information indicating ~~at least one of~~ a current user role ~~or a time constraint~~; and

in response to receiving the request, the server system is further configured to:

access pre-determined policy data;

establish a quality of service context based on the current user role indicated in said information included in said request and based on said policy data; and

propagate data indicating said quality of service context with said request in the server system.

20. (Currently amended) The system of claim 19, wherein said information further indicates at least one of a requested service, a time constraint, or a user identity.

21. (Previously presented) The system of claim 19, wherein said quality of service context includes information indicating service class and a deadline.

22. (Original) The system of claim 19, wherein said establishing a quality of service context is completed at an ingress point.

23. (Previously presented) The system of claim 22, wherein said ingress point is at least one of a web server or a protocol manager service within said server system.

24. (Previously presented) The system of claim 19, further comprising program instructions to: propagate the same quality of service context with a subsequent request related to said request.

25. (Original) The system of claim 19, wherein said propagating includes inserting said quality of service context adjacent to at least one of a security and transaction context.

26. (Original) The system of claim 19, wherein a load balancing service dispatches said request including said quality of service context, to an application server in a plurality of application servers, based on said quality of service context.

27. (Previously presented) The system of claim 19, wherein a request manager service dispatches said request including said quality of service context, to a software component in a plurality of software components, based on said quality of service context.